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Arizona Cold Case Task Force to Hold Public Hearing in Gila County

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Nov. 1, 2007) The State's Cold Case Task Force will hold a public hearing for the panel's *Victims Subcommittee* on Wednesday, Nov. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. The hearing will be conducted at the Globe City Hall, 175 N. Pine St. This is the first of a series of hearings being held throughout Arizona.

The Cold Case Task Force is a legislatively created committee charged with reviewing procedures used by law enforcement agencies in investigating and preserving evidence of "cold case" homicides. The Task Force is required to take public testimony from victims' families and members of the public.

The public is invited to attend and provide testimony. The subcommittee is especially interested to hear from the public about the following:

- How the homicide has affected their lives.
- How and whether law enforcement has helped them.
- Any recommendations they may have.

The *Victims Subcommittee* members are:

- Beckie Miller, Chair, Victims Subcommittee and Chapter Leader of Parents of Murdered Children for Maricopa County.
- Daisy Flores, Gila County Attorney.
- Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney.
- Richard M. Romley, Chair, Cold Case Task Force and former Maricopa County Attorney.
- Tony Vidale, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Victim Services Program Manager.
- Mike Durham, Victim representative.

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